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Dear Educators:

As Georgia's Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, I am committed to reducing the loss of life and property from fire. National Fire Prevention Week is October 5 – 11, 2014, which gives us the opportunity to concentrate our efforts on fire prevention. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme is: ***“WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES; TEST YOURS EVERY MONTH.”***

State sponsored activities include:

Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner's annual statewide fire safety contests:

- **Statewide Fire Drill, Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.;** if inclement weather, the alternate date is Wednesday, October, 15, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Statewide Poster Contest (must reflect NFPA Theme) – “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month”** (Grades K through 5, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade level)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide “Fire Safety House” Essay Contest – “What I want to Learn and Know about the Fire Safety House”** (Grades K through 3 – only one 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner chosen among grades K – 3, as a whole)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest – “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month”** (Grades 6 through 12, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade level)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest (must reflect on the fire safety tips as outlined in criteria)** (Grades K through 5)

13 winning posters' artwork will be chosen for each month and the cover page to display in the 2015 calendar

- **Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association Essay Contest – *Watch for details at the GFSA link below***

(This contest is for 12th graders (high school seniors, class of 2015, and it is open from January – May, 2014)

Scholarships in the amounts of: \$1,500 – 1st place; \$1,000 – 2nd place; \$750 – 3rd place.

Note: Details for this essay may be obtained at www.georgiafiresprinkler.org

The annual “Excellence in Fire Safety Awards Luncheon” presentation:

- Recognizes individuals and organizations that excel in fire safety areas of education, fire prevention, fire protection services, fire official, and citizen's courage: the Firefighter of the Year; Fire Safety Educator of the Year; Fire Official of the Year; Citizen's Courage Awards (2) and the Fire Safety Prevention Program of the Year, to be honored and recognized at the 22nd Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon
- The 22nd Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon will be held at the *Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia* from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 30, in *Conference Bays A & B*. The luncheon cost is \$22.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child ages 12 and under
- ***All contests deadline for submitting is Monday, September 29, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.***

Attached are poster, essay and the life, fire and safety awards contests criteria and entry forms, as well as the school fire drill information. This information can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.oci.ga.gov; (scroll to the right to the “**Quick Links**,” click on “**Other Links**” and choose “**Public Education**,” then click on “**Fire Prevention Week**.”

Plan now to encourage your students to participate, and invite your local fire department to assist students with fire safety lessons to use toward preparing the posters and essays. I appreciate your efforts to help prevent fires and protect lives and property from fire.

If you have further questions, contact the Public Division at (404) 657-0831.

Sincerely,



Ralph T. Hudgens
Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner